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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino
Acting Chairman

FROM: [redacted]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: DCI Authority for SIGINT Policy [redacted]

1. [redacted] I met with [redacted] Office of General Counsel, on 20 April 1978 to discuss the concerns raised by [redacted] on potential loss of DCI security control over COMINT as reflected in DOD/NSA recently proposed changes.

2. [redacted] (CIA/SIGINT Group), and I were present. We were agreed that the DOD/NSA language posed little, if any, threat to the DCI authority since other sections of the draft adequately protect his equities.

3. [redacted] raised another section (4.e.(3)) which was of concern to [redacted]. This had to do with language (again, inserted by DOD/NSA) which would permit the SECDEF to establish special procedures for systematic review and declassification of cryptologic information produced by units under his jurisdiction (read NSA). [redacted] appreciated the issue of concern and considerable time was spent in giving him alternative language proposals that would ensure continued DCI authority over sources and methods. [redacted] will present these proposals to Tony Lapham with a request that he take them up with DOD/NSA Counsel [redacted] and strive for an accommodation. He will inform us of the outcome.

4. Should the point remain contentious, [redacted] sees the desirability of a meeting with the DOD/NSA representative to the E.O. drafting group and has asked us to attend. Should we fail at that level, [redacted] sees the matter being referred to the President for final decision. [redacted] spoke as if he would welcome such a course of action in expectations that the DCI authority over all intelligence matters would be

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given another boost not only in this matter but on many others.
Accordingly, I suggest we pend the memorandum to the DCI.

5. ☐ I shall keep you informed.

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